



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 739
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://lgsc.lacounty.gov>**

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-4714)

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Present: 1st Vice Chairperson Azita Karimkhany Fatheree, 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, Commissioner Jules Bagneris III, Commissioner Mark Burman, Commissioner Drake Dillard, Commissioner Laurence M. Kaplan, Commissioner Edward Kim, Commissioner Ana Ponce, Commissioner Jess Talamantes, Commissioner Jerry Velasco and Commissioner Barry Waite

Absent: Chairperson Bob Archuleta, Commissioner Andrew Friedman and Commissioner Jesse Gabriel

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. (15-4677)

1st Vice Chairperson Azita Fatheree called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Mark Burman joined the meeting via teleconference line. Commissioners Barry Waite joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m., Jerry Velasco at 9:43 a.m., Ana Ponce at 9:50 a.m. respectively.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 1, 2015. (15-4685)

On motion of Commissioner Drake Dillard, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, this item was approved with the following vote: The motion passed.

Ayes: 8 - 1st Vice Chairperson Azita Karimkhany Fatheree, 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, Commissioner Jules Bagneris III, Commissioner Drake Dillard, Commissioner Laurence M. Kaplan, Commissioner Ana Ponce, Commissioner Jerry Velasco and Commissioner Barry Waite

Abstentions: 3 - Commissioner Mark Burman, Commissioner Edward Kim and Commissioner Jess Talamantes

Absent: 3 - Chairperson Bob Archuleta, Commissioner Andrew Friedman and Commissioner Jesse Gabriel

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II. PRESENTATIONS

2. Update report on the United Way Home for Good Program by Tina Estedabadi, United Way Greater Los Angeles Housing Stability, as requested by Commissioner Barry Waite from the meeting of September 1, 2015 (Continued from the meetings of 4/1/14 6/3/14 and 1/6/15). (14-1590)

Tina Estedabadi provided a brief overview of Home For Good, which is an initiative launched in 2010 by United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the LA area of Chamber of Commerce. The collective goal of this initiative is to end veteran homelessness by the end of this year; end chronic homelessness by the end of 2017; and finally end all homelessness including youth, families and children.

This initiative was created because Los Angeles County had become the nation's capital of homeless with more than 40,000 individuals. In 2009, they conducted a cost study and realized that the public systems invest \$875 million each year in homelessness.

The focus became permanent housing, they capitalize on the proven cost efficient models that ended homelessness. Traditionally, the treatment first model had the client go through many steps before being offered housing, which caused many people especially the most vulnerable homeless people to fall off the system. The cost study showed that the housing first model was 43% cheaper than leaving them on the streets.

The cost study also concluded that almost 75% of the \$875million was being spent on the most vulnerable on the streets, therefore, In 2011, they created a system to prioritize serving the most vulnerable chronically homeless people and called it the Coordinated Entry System.

The objective of Coordinated Entry System is to help coordinate provider's efforts, create a real-time list of individuals experiencing homelessness in their communities, and a means to quickly and efficiently match people to available housing resources and services that best fit their needs. More than 200 organizations have assisted 4,998 people obtain housing and 13,900 assessments were completed. Over the past four years, the community partners have successfully housed more than 23,399 chronic and veteran homeless. They have been able to raise 635million in public (from 21 public funders) and \$25 million in private funding that has been given back to the community. However due to the recent recession, unemployment, and increased rent (8%) the number of homelessness has increased.

Based on the Homeless Count of 2014, overall homelessness has increased by 12% (39,461 to 44,359). The good news is that veteran homelessness has decreased by 6% in the last two years. This percentage is remarkable especially since now there are 10 veterans per day who become homeless compared to two years ago when there was only 3 veterans per day. Ms. Estedabadi stated that this work clearly demonstrates that homelessness is a solvable problem, if they make the right strategic investments, specifically in permanent housing.

Lastly, Ms. Estedabadi shared that they realized to end veteran homelessness they need the support of landlord throughout Los Angeles County and have launched a campaign called "Homes For Heroes." The goal is to engage and increase the number of landlords willing to rent units to veteran. The goal is to engage more than 1000 landlords by the end of this year. In order to achieve this goal, they need all hands on deck and asking everyone to refer a landlords and property managers to reach out to them and work with them to rent their units to the veterans.

Commissioners Jerry Velasco, Ana Ponce, Jess Talamantes, Edward Kim and Azita Fatheree provided their comments.

Ms. Estedabadi responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, 1st Vice Chairperson Fatheree thanked Ms. Estedabadi for her informative presentation and looked forward to her follow up report on housing opportunities for 88 cities in Los Angeles County.in the future meeting.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

- 3.** Presentation by Ervin Munro, M.S., Director of Social Services of Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation, to discuss their services. (15-4683)

Ervin Munro provided an overview of Single Room Occupancy Housing (SRO Housing). It is a private, nonprofit, community-based organization that is dedicated to building a vibrant community for homeless and very low-income individuals in the downtown Los Angeles Central City East neighborhood, an area known as "Skid Row". These residents, whether homeless or housed, are often poor, elderly, disabled, mentally ill, addicted to drugs/alcohol, chronically ill, or unemployed. SRO Housing pursues its mission of community revitalization by providing clean, safe and affordable housing, managing public spaces, and administering needed social support services.

SRO Housing operates 30 properties. This includes 2 emergency housing sites, 1 transitional housing site, and 26 permanent housing sites. While some units of a sink, complete furnishings, linens and a refrigerator, others include a private bathroom and kitchenette. Residents progress through a continuum of housing options, moving from highly structured, emergency living arrangements, to a transitional phase where support is provided while structure and restriction are decreased, to permanent independent housing.

Mr. Munro stated that another study is needed on solutions to homelessness and the funds to implement the following:

- 1. Coordinated plan to address the issue**
- 2. A plan to de-centralize in different areas**
- 3. Money to cover all homelessness.**
- 4. Money to continue programs for permanent housing**

1st Vice Chairperson Fatheree suggested to schedule a tour and meeting at their place and thanked speakers for their helpful presentation.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. Presentation by Darron J. Enns, Legislative Policy Analyst of the Chief Executive Office, on the memorandum from Sachi A. Hamai, Interim, Chief Executive Office on the Development of the County's 2015-16 State Legislative Agenda. (15-4684)

Darron Enns of the Chief Executive Office (CEO) gave an overview of the memorandum on the development of the County's 2015-16 State Legislative agenda. He stated that this may be the vehicle the Commissioners may use to bring about the concerns of the Commission. It has to be a proactive decision by the Commission, if they wish to provide the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for changes to the agenda. As the Commission's Legislative Analyst, he is available to assist the Commission with such recommendations.

After discussion, 1st Vice Chairperson Fatheree thanked Mr. Enns for his informative report and will speak with him further, if the Commission opts to make recommendations for next year's legislative agenda. .

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

5. Report by AB 109 Ad-Hoc Committee on findings to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. (13-2532)

2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips read the report of the AB 109 Ad-Hoc Committee and presented a letter with recommendations for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

After discussion, on motion of 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, seconded by Commissioner Barry Waite, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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6. Further discussion of a countywide approach to regional tourism promotion and consideration of next steps. (14-2607)

Commissioner Kaplan requested the item be continued to the meeting of November 3, 2015 and that the item be brought before the Commission at the beginning of the meeting prior to presentations.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Kaplan, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of November 3, 2015 and will be brought before the Commission prior to presentations.

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7. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Laurence Kaplan: Discussion and possible action to create an Ad-Hoc Committee to review ongoing projects and strategic plan of the Commission. (15-2176)

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-4674)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-4675)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Denise Manchaca, Commissioner of the LA County Commission for Older Adults introduced herself.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of October 6, 2015. (15-4676)

**On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Fatherree, and by Common Consent,
there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.**